

## **Ethical Dilemma #1**

A war is happening and you are a soldier. Your general has ordered you to drop a bomb on a city. You learn there are still innocent civilians in that city, but your general still insists you need to drop the bomb.

What do you do and why?

## **Ethical Dilemma #2**

You are the coach for a varsity soccer team and there is a big game in a week. You tell all the players they must attend and be on time to all practices. Your two best players decide to show up 30 minutes late. They think no one will notice they are gone. You see they have arrived late. Protocol says they need to be suspended for one week. A one week suspension would result in your two best players missing the big game.

What do you do and why?

### **Ethical Dilemma #3**

You and a friend are hanging out in your neighborhood. You two decide to get something to drink from a corner store. As you get your drink and head to the counter to pay, you see your friend stuffing candy into her pocket. She walks out of the store ahead of you without paying for the candy.

What do you do and why?

## **Ethical Dilemma #4**

You have a job as a dog walker. While walking one of your dogs, he gets very sick. You want to take the dog to an animal hospital, but the family is very religious and they do not believe in medicine. They believe the dog will get better if they pray hard enough. You really like this dog and you want him to get better, but the family will certainly object.

What do you do and why?

## **Ethical Dilemma #5**

You are the governor of a state, and you want to ban plastic bag production in your state. The bags have been seriously endangering the flora and fauna of your state and have been a major hazard to the environment. Many workers would lose their jobs, however, if plastic bag production was stopped, and it would cause an imbalance in your state's economy.

What do you do and why?

## **Ethical Dilemma #6**

In your spare time at work, you have developed a new file sharing program on the desktop computer at your office. It is even more powerful, and yet it is easier to use than anything on the market. You show your new program to a friend who is a computer engineer to see what she thinks. She loves it. In fact, she encourages you to sell your new product to businesses as a side enterprise because she believes you can make huge profits off of it. You did not develop this software on your own time, however, but rather while you were at work and using your company's equipment.

What do you do and why?

## **Ethical Dilemma #7**

You work for a struggling newspaper. You just published a report on a national study that concluded bottled water is no cleaner or healthier than the tap water in most cities, including yours. Your story included comments from local health store owners and water distributors challenging the study. The *AquaPure Bottled Water Company* has an advertising account with your newspaper that is worth over \$75,000 a year, and they have threatened to pull its account (and the annual money that goes with it) from your newspaper unless you run another story of equal prominence that focuses on the benefits of bottled water.

What do you do and why?





### **Ethical Dilemma #8:**

You teach a senior in high school who is trying to become the first person in his family to go to college. The student must work long hours at his job after school in order to save up for his college education. Unfortunately, the job seems to be interfering with the student's performance, as several assignments have not been turned in.

Because of these missed assignments, this person has earned a "D" in your class. Your school's college counselor tells you he needs at least a "C" in every class in order to qualify for an academic scholarship he will likely to receive, but your class is the only one in which his grade has fallen below that mark. He encourages you to "reconsider" some of the grades you have given this student in the past.

What do you do and why?

### **Ethical Dilemma #9:**

You work as a math tutor for a sixth grader. You are also 19 years old and played varsity basketball at a big high school for four years. Part of your tutoring job includes a 20 minute break, during which you and the sixth grader can play sports. Your student also really likes basketball, and he cockily insists on playing against you during the break. You know his father always lets him win in all of their physical competitions together (basketball games, running races, arm-wrestling, etc.). Your student has told you several times about all of his glorious victories against his father as evidence that he (the child) is a great athlete. He believes he can beat you at basketball because he has never lost to his father and insists you two play a game.

What do you do and why?